the hands of heavy industries generating little employment;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to promote the small scale industries;

(d) whether items reserved for small scale industries are still being allowed to be manufactured by bigger industries in more than their licensed capacities; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to check the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The role of Small Scale Sector in the development of economy of India has been recognised by the Government. The development of small scale industries has been, therefore, receiving high priority in the programmes of industrial development and providing assistance to the sector has been one of the salient features of the Industrial Policy of the Government.

The Government has taken a number of measures which include provision of institutional support and incentives and concessions like concessional finance, excise benefits, reservation of items for exclusive production, reservation of items for purchase from small scale units, price preference, supply of machinery on hire-purchase, technical consultancy services, testing facilities, common facility services and infrastructural facilities. The State Governments also provide facilities and incentives to the small scale sector.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Sick Industrial Units

307. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial units that have fallen sick in different States as on the 30th June, 1994;

(b) whether State level panels had been set up to consider the revival of those sick units; and

(c) if so, the details of action initiated by those state level panels so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Data on sick industrial units assisted by banks in the country are compiled by the Reserve Bank of India. According to the latest RBI data, the details of the number of industrial units in the small scale and non-small scale sectors reported sick as at the end of September, 1992, in different States are given in Statement. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The Reserve Bank of India has set up State level Inter-Institutional Committees (SLIIC) in all States under the chairmanship of Secretary, Industries Deptt. of the State Government concerned and the local officer-in-charge of the RBI's Rural Planning and Credit Department as convenor. The Committee meets once in a quarter and brings different parties connected with the rehabilitation of sick units together at one forum.

Statement

State-wise classification of sick industrial units in Small Scale and Non-Small Scale Sector as at the end of Septeber, 1992.

State/Union Territory	No. of sick SSI Units	No. of sick Non-SSI Units
Assam	5483	9
Meghalaya	171	1
Mizoram	37	..
Bihar	8254	51
Arunachal Pradesh	62	2
West Bengal	31849	202
Nagaland	2039	1
Manipur	2341	..
Orissa	9862	38
Sikkam	75	1
Tripura	661	..
A & N Islands	22	..
Uttar Pradesh	31949	113
Delhi	4634	21
Punjab	5673	33
Haryana	3613	60
Chandigarh	299	12
J & K	681	2
Himachal Pradesh	1509	23
Rajasthan	14813	58
Gujarat	6391	159
Maharashtra	19935	306
Daman & Diu	26	1
Goa	1149	3
D & N Haveli	11	3
Madhya Pradesh	8232	63
Anndhra Pradesh	30044	168
Karnataka	17458	96
Tamil Nadu	10953	124
Kerala	14754	44
Pondicherry	461	5
TOTAL :	233441	1599